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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM FOR ADAPTING GAMING DEVICES TO PLAYING PREFERENCES

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Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

John Paradiso

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 11/20/2000 and interview on 11/30/2000

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 39-50

☒ The drawings filed on 1/11/00 are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT & COMMENTS

Election/Restriction

1. Newly submitted claims 51, 58, and 59 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Claims 39-50 and 52-57 are drawn to a game system and method for identifying a player of a game machine and having a server connected to the game machine (re)configure the game machine based on player preferences regarding various parameters of the game. Claims 51, 58, and 59 are drawn to a system and method for use with an ATM, which would require a divergent search, and also do not specifically claim changing the nature of the transactions with the machine.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 51, 58, and 59 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP §

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Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Steven Santisi on November 30, 2000 (3a) and December 4, 2000 (3b).

3. ~~The application has been amended as follows:~~

a) ~~Claims 51, 58, and 59 have been deleted as being drawn to a non-elected invention.~~

b) ~~Claims 52-57 are canceled since they duplicate claims from the parent application.~~

4. ~~The application has been further amended as follows:~~

~~The first two words of the title, "Method and", have been deleted, since all allowable claims are directed toward a game system.~~

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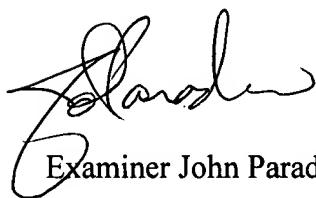
Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Paradiso whose telephone number is (703) 308-2825.

The examiner can normally be reached Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 5:00 (ET).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo, can be reached on (703) 308-1789. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 3579/3580.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.



Examiner John Paradiso



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December 1, 2000